

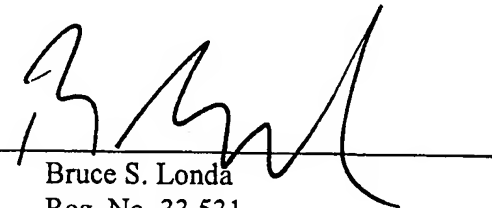
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The claims have been revised to remove multiple dependencies and to place the claims in better form for substantive U.S. examination. No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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